

THE SPRAGUE LOG

PUBLISHED SEMI-MONTHLY FOR EMPLOYEES OF SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY

Volume XI

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG, JANUARY 15, 1949

Number 11

The Rising Tide Of Polio

Last summer's historic infantile paralysis epidemics struck the nation a devastating blow, comparable to that of 1916 when 27,000 cases were reported. Not a state escaped the 1948 polio siege. North Carolina, Texas and California were practically overwhelmed.



The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its chapters worked round-the-clock, servicing the stricken areas. Professional personnel, increased hospital facilities, equipment, millions of dollars in emergency aid—all were desperately needed. But thanks to contributions to the annual March of Dimes, all were secured promptly and effectively. Lives were saved. Boys and girls hit by the dread disease received the best available medical care and treatment.

By the end of September, national headquarters of the National Foundation had sent approximately \$4,000,000 in emergency aid alone to 402 counties and special polio emergency committees in 15 states where chapter funds were

wiped out in meeting the crisis. As a result of the unprecedented drain on its resources the National Foundation now faces a deficit of some \$2,500,000, without taking into account enormous sums still required to defray costs of care for victims of prior polio epidemics.

These facts point up the urgent need of all-out public support of the March of Dimes, January 14-31. The National Foundation is not endowed. Its sole means of rebuilding depleted funds lies in America's response to the annual appeal.

March of Dimes funds not only provide for patient care and treatment and emergency epidemic aid. They perform other vital functions also. Right now they are at research work in more than 80 laboratories and institutions. There, top-ranking scientists are constantly seeking a means of prevention or cure of infantile paralysis. So far more than 1,000 combinations of drugs and chemicals have been tested. Progress is being made, and every drug and chemical eliminated narrows the field. The answer may be nearer at hand than is realized.

March of Dimes money also underwrites another very important program of the National Foundation—the training of skilled professionals. More and more qualified workers are urgently needed in the field of polio. The disease is on the increase in the United States. More than 100,000 cases have been reported in the past six years—twice as many as were recorded in the preceding 12-year period! However, with your help in the past, the National Foundation has met the challenge. Since 1942, approximately 2,500 disease fighters have received polio training under National Foundation fellowships and scholarships. Many of them last summer were front-line fighters in the war on polio.

In meeting last year's challenge, however, the National Foundation had to "scrape the barrel" to fulfill its pledge

(Continued on page 2)

WHAT KIND OF SUCCESS FOR OUR CHILDREN

The attitude of parents in guiding their children toward adult success is more vital today than at any other time in American history.

This is because of the increasingly complex life in which they must live. There is no cause for alarm. It is entirely possible for conscientious fathers and mothers everywhere to simplify matters and insure their children a happiness greater than young adults are enjoying now.

Parents should provide their children a star to steer by through working with them rather than at them. In the end, they may not achieve fame and riches. But they invariably will reach some high station of happiness.

The word "success" must be appraised to fit the ability of a specific child. And it takes parental strength to let a child pick his own road to success, and then help him. Only a few parents have prodigies born to them. It takes brainy parents to watch the growth of extraordinary talent and remain level-headed. Most of us, however, have average children who fill the house with noise and make us wonder whatever is to be done with them.

Here are five suggestions for parents who feel an urge to do what is right for their children:

1. Begin calmly to judge and heighten the talents most marked in each individual youngster. Visit his school and analyze him from all points of view with the help of his teachers.
2. Provide opportunities for a child to develop the talents he possesses.
3. Accompany your child to church

(Continued on page 2)

Appreciation

January 3, 1949

Our most grateful thanks go to the many who did so much—day and night—during the recent flood emergency, to protect our property, materials, and equipment. Their initiative, their loyal and energetic efforts—in many cases without food or sleep for long periods—will be long remembered by all of us.

That we were in full operation in all departments in all plants the next morning is a tribute to their efforts. What a great team we have here—able to meet and overcome almost any obstacle!

While we have much to be thankful for at the plants, our sympathy goes to those who suffered losses in their homes and serious inconveniences through the temporary loss of heat and other vital services.

R. C. Sprague,
President

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO ALL SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES

Profits, Satisfied Customers, And A Place In Expanding Industries Are The Goal Of The Future

For the one hundred and forty million people in America, of whom we in our corner are glad to be a part, New Year's Day is the particular day in the year when we take stock of ourselves and look ahead to the future.

It takes courage to look ahead and keep on looking ahead when one knows there probably will be some obstacles to meet at home and other obstacles to overcome in business. But it is easier to be courageous when the whole team is courageous and forward-looking.

Let's each of us begin now to look ahead for a whole year and resolve to accomplish our goal, come rain or shine. I am sure our whole Sprague team has the courage and the desire to join in this effort.

In looking ahead, let's not expect the road to be always straight and smooth. It never is. There are always both hills and valleys. Promises otherwise only mislead. Let's keep our eye on our goal ahead while we overcome any obstacles which may arise. It is a three-point goal which guides our Sprague team. First, we aim for a profit. Profits are the wages for investing past savings in a particular business and, of course, investment in our business is necessary to your job and mine. Profits also create business savings, which are needed for the "rainy day", to maintain stable employment as nearly as is possible, and to provide for the purchase for more tools and equipment and building improvements with which to expand our employment.

The second goal of our team is to cultivate our customers. As friends they can make our team a success. As foes they can defeat it. It is they who are giving us jobs to do and are providing the money for payroll. They seek dependable service and high-quality capacitors, resistors, and other products which we manufacture. Last year you broke a peacetime record in giving these to them. You have already found how to win customers by providing good service so that you are now leaders in our kind of business. In the year ahead the second goal of our team is that our customers shall not suffer on our account, but continue to look to us for their requirements—an easy goal for our expert team.

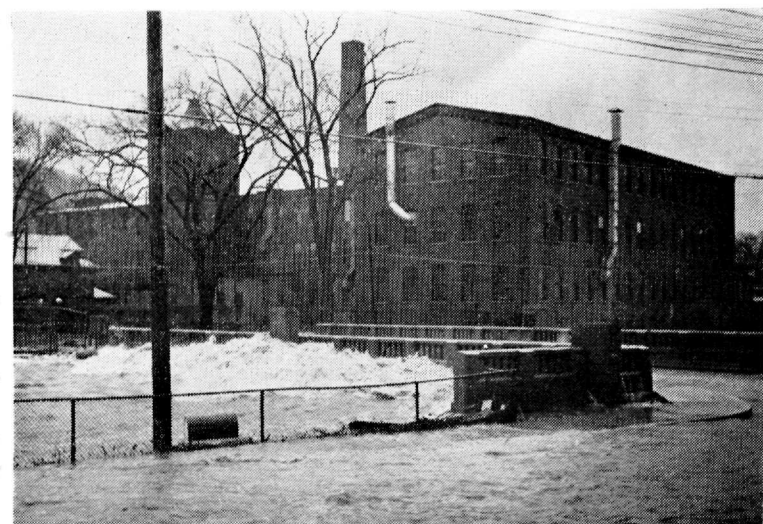
And for the third goal, our management group will continue to make every possible effort to direct and expand our business into those industries—like the Television Industry and the Automotive Industry—which are

vital and expanding industries. This is important, because over the years, customers in an expanding industry will give us more business and maintain and create more jobs here in North Adams, than will customers in a static or declining industry. In this respect all members of the Sprague team have many advantages, compared with many people elsewhere.

You will also find your management members of the team constantly trying to improve facilities at the plant for the convenience and enjoyment of our people, whether they be workers or members of supervision.

In a word, at this start of a New Year—let's make the Sprague team the most vigorous, the most efficient and the friendliest team in the Country.

(Continued on page 2)



The Brown Street Plant and bridge as the flood was approaching its height. Picture by Al Horsfall.



Mr. Robert C. Sprague, president of the Sprague Electric Company.

LOG PUBLISHING STAFF

EDITOR: Mary Connolly ASSOCIATE EDITOR: Dorothy Sprague
CIRCULATION: Marion Caron SOCIAL CHAIRMAN: Mary Mathews

ASSISTANT EDITORS

Kit Carson, Tom Cullen, Dan Kelly, Pete Mancuso, Jim Oldham, Etta Owen, and Laurence Haskins.

SPORTS

Kenneth Russell

PHOTOGRAPHER

Albert Horsfall

PLANT EDITOR

Marshall Street: Cecile Trudeau

PLANT EDITOR

Brown Street: Bertha Salavantis

BEAVER STREET REPORTERS

Julia Abraham, Susan Bishop, Elizabeth Bogus, Joan Bryce, Esther Driscoll, Harry Embry, Mildred Faustini, Hazel Goodale, Florence Harris, Ruth Haskins, Marjorie Hauptfleisch, Margaret Isherwood, Velma Lincoln, Emma Massaconi, Dorothy Beupre, Nick Richardello, George Scarbo, James Shea, Florence Southgate, Shirley Thoros, Harry Trombley, Connie Urbano, Roseann Vigna, John Walsh, Sophie Kelly, and Margaret Wittig.

MARSHALL STREET REPORTERS

Exilda Callahan, Phyllis Dunn, Mary Daniels, Mario Magnani, Emma Mutart, Edward O'Neill, Cecile Risch, and Roma Rungay.

BROWN STREET REPORTERS

Carol Bellard, Mary Bua, Josephine Campedelli, Marie De Marsico, Lenore Harrington, Ann Heath, Elizabeth Jangrow, Georgianna Joy, Della Keating, Gladys Kirkpatrick, Vicki Lamore, Mary Markland, Rita Mulqueen, Rita Samia, Thelma Sherman, Rita Siciliano, Anne St. Cyr, Corena Tatro, and Isabel Witherow.

"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

Published by the SPRAGUE ELECTRIC CO., North Adams, Mass.

New Year's Message

(Continued from page 1)

With these three goals clearly in mind, our Sprague team can face any obstacles which the New Year may bring, and yet arrive at New Year's Day 1950 with a fine record to look back upon, to be thankful for, and to be rightly proud of. Good luck to you as together we try, and best wishes for health and happiness to you all during the New Year ahead.

(Editorial note:—The above New Year's message was written before the recent flood. We feel sure that Mr. Sprague now has concrete evidence of the Sprague teamwork he can expect in the future. His comments and praise for his fellow employees during the recent emergency appear on the front page.)

AWARD WINNER

The Suggestion Committee recently announced that an award of \$50.00 was recommended to Earl Williams of the Machine Shop for his suggestion concerning an improvement on the color-coding and stamping machines. Congratulations, Earl.

Success For Our Children

(Continued from page 1)

school and worship. Some sort of religious philosophy is present in most truly successful men and women.

4. Help your child discover the satisfaction of regular, honest work. This is the opposite of the philosophy which says "get all you can for as little as you can." The work rule, of course, must be flexible and the value of play must not be forgotten. It must be achieved through comradeship, not commands.

BARGAIN COUNTER

FOR SALE—Camp site, on Reservoir Road. Water, electricity, telephone lines available. Lot 100 x 526. Some cleared land, cord wood and lumber trees. Price \$250.00. Write LOG, Box 101.

FOR SALE—Green and Ivory Pearl kitchen range. Oil and gas combination. Can be converted to burn wood or coal. Perfect condition. \$15.00. Write LOG, Box 102.

FOR SALE—One pair boys ski boots. Very good condition. Size 5. Price \$3.00. Write LOG, Box 103.

UNION CHRISTMAS PARTY

From all the happy faces at the Union Christmas Party for the children, it was as usual a huge success. Entertainment, food, gifts, and moving pictures were the order of the day, and the event gets bigger and better every year.

If you felt a little harried about Christmas, you can imagine how the Union Christmas Party Committee felt about obtaining gifts and candy for the large group of employee's children who eagerly turn out for the event every year. The thanks of all of us go to that Committee — Nick Richardello, Chairman, Anne Downey, John Walsh, Jenny Gelineau, Maude Waska, and Laurence Dufraine. Pictures of this committee and of the happy, smiling faces of the children appear elsewhere in the LOG.

SYMPATHY

We all wish to extend to Mr. Herbert Hafner, of the Salvage Department, Brown Street and his family our deepest sympathy on the untimely and tragic loss of his stepfather, Mr. George Beebe during the recent Flood.

HEARING AIDS HELP

More than 3,000,000 hard-of-hearing youngsters are being cut off from normal mental and social development by ignorance and neglect, according to *Better Homes and Gardens*. These children are not deaf. They just don't hear well, and much could be done to help them if only their difficulty was discovered and treated early.

It is good to know that we at Sprague's are doing our part to help this situation. Many of the batteries we make are being used in hearing aids which will bring happiness and emotional stability to hundreds of these children.

Polio

(Continued from page 1)

of aid to those whom polio strikes. The job was done. The cost was great but the service rendered to helpless children could not be estimated in money alone.

Bear it in mind during January 14-31 when the 1949 March of Dimes takes place. The needs are greater. Our contributions should be to the measure of those needs.

OFFICE UNION DINNER



The Head table at the recent Sprague Office Union Dinner held at the American Legion Room. Left to right: "Nick" Carter, the new president, James Shea, retiring president, George LaBombard and Tom Dion, Treasurer. Mrs. Alice Gomeau, the new secretary, is not shown in the picture.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Vigna are the parents of a daughter born December 24th. The mother, Lorraine works in Paper Rolling, and the father works in the Molding Department.

A son was born on December 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wandrei, of Adams. The mother is Helen of Paper Ignition Assembly.

On December 20th a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bombardier. The happy mother is Antoinette of Paper Rolling.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mancuso are the proud parents of a daughter born December 22nd. Rose, the mother, is of the P.A.A. Department, and Peter is of Check Inspection.

WEDDINGS

Miss Mildred Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Miller, of The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, was married to George Shartrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shartrand on December 27th. Mildred works in Miscellaneous Paper Finishing.

MR. ARTHUR RENNELL

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends of Mr. Arthur Rennell who died last December 17th. Up until a few hours before his death he was at work in the Formation Department. Mr. Rennell's service of 4½ years with the Sprague Electric Company was unique in that during all that time he was never late and never absent from work, and he will be sincerely missed by the many friends he made here.



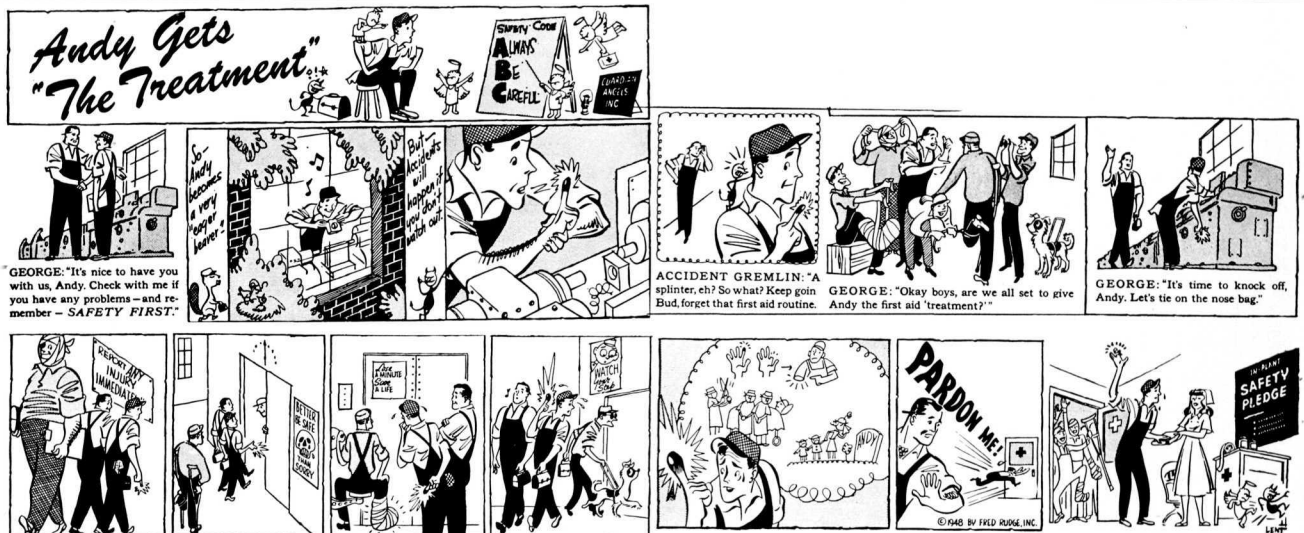
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rotolo of 25 Bryant Street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marie Antoinette, to Donald Berger, son of Mrs. Samuel Berger of 151 State Street, Marie works in the Sales Office, and the future bridegroom works in Centrifuge.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bezzie of 9 Adams Street have announced the engagement of his sister, Miss Loretta Bezzie of 301 West Main Street to William Robert Matthews of 151 State Street, son of Mrs. Georgianna Matthews of Williamstown. Loretta works in the Sample Department at Brown Street, and Bill works in Maintenance.

Mrs. John Bortolotti of 333 Walnut Street has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Catherine Ann Cardillo to Patrick F. Accetta, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Accetta of 369 Walnut Street. The future bride works in Paper Rolling.

Mrs. Anna Dennison of 234 School Street, Bennington, Vermont has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Shirley Esther Stedman, to Charles Edward Harris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris of 805½ Curran Highway. Charles works in the Dry Rolling Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cable of 64 Rand Street have announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Rita N. Cote to Joseph A. Nuvalle of 62 Rand Street. Rita works in F. P. Assembly.

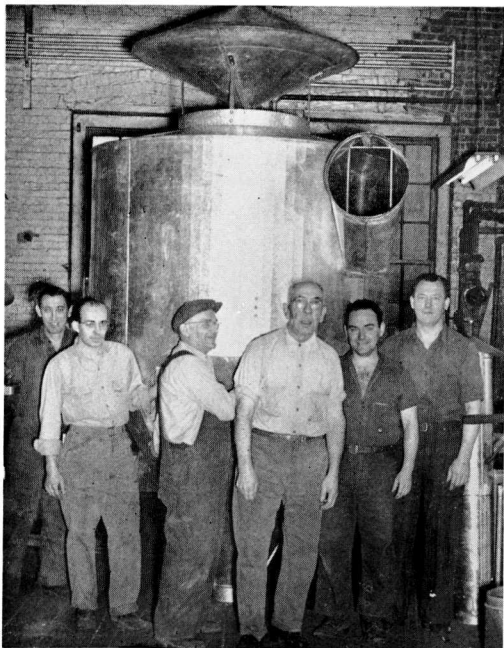


Holiday Memories Linger Long - - -



At top, left to right: (1) Miscellaneous Paper Finishing Department at their Christmas Party; (2) the girls of the Paper Rolling Department at their Christmas celebration; (3) the entertainers at the Union Christmas Party with the gifts they received; (4) P.A.A. Rolling's Christmas Party at "Peteydinks"; (5) a group of girls from Molded Tubulars at "Della's" party; (6) Leslie James, our Christmas issue cover girl, daughter of Frank James of Molded Tubulars; (7) the gala Independent Condenser Union's Christmas party given for the children at Drury Auditorium; (8) Robert Keating, brother of John of Dry Rolling; (9) John Raby playing Santa at P.A.A. Rolling Party; (10) the energetic Committee for the Union Christmas Party; (11) Albert Gagne of Paper Ignition and Bessie Garceau at a Ball in Adams; (12) a gay scene from the W. E. Department's party; (13) the female angle of the W. E.'s Christmas Party; (14) Doris, Harold, and Richard Walden, children of Pearl of Prokar, together with Harvey LaBonte, son of Doris of F. P.'s; (15) Richard Gigliotti, son of Ida of Ceramics; (16) Sheila Collette, daughter of Bill at Beaver Street.

NEW DUST COLLECTOR



Left to right: Si Laneto, Ray Luscier, Wallace LaPine, Henry Shays, Ray Favreau, and Robert Godfrey.

Above is pictured the latest "invention" of the Tin Shop. It is a cyclone Dust Collector designed by Carl Perry, Foreman of that department, and built by Robert Godfrey and Ray Favreau. When this collector is in operation in the Carpenter Shop it will dispose of all the sawdust and shavings from the different machines being operated by the carpenters.

It will be powered by a single motor, and will actually throw the dust into the collector. When the dust settles inside the collector at the bottom it is removed in trays.

This is another incidence of the maintenance work being performed here at the various Plants for the protection and safety of personnel in the various departments.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

W. E. Department

By Me

Here we are in 1949 and did '48 go out with a bang!

On December 22nd, the whole gang went to dinner at the Corner Cafe where our supervisor, Cliff King, was presented a Parker 51 pen and pencil set. Tony Marino was presented a pair of fur-lined leather gloves. Inci-

dentally we had a swell time at the dinner, so let's get together again some time. A few pictures taken at the dinner by Eleanor Stack appear elsewhere in the LOG.

We sincerely hope that most of you people were not seriously hurt by the flood.

That's all for now, folks. See you around.

DTQ Miscellaneous Drys

By Ceil Risch

Everyone enjoyed our Christmas Party, even our Santa Claus started off with a bang. Next time use the stairs, Flash. If it hadn't been for the bump on your head, we never would have recognized you.

Eddie O'Neil was so afraid of the grab-bag that he didn't show up until the following week. And was he surprised!

Since Christmas, George LeSage keeps singing, "All I Wanted for Christmas Were My Old False Teeth."

Congratulations to Phyllis Charron who has been a proud Aunt since the 16th of December.

You should have seen Minnie, Laddie, and Marie scoot out of the shop one night to beat the prices at the movies. Did you really make it, girls?

Congratulations to yours truly on being the lucky winner of a car for Christmas. Believe me folks, when I say it was a big surprise and thrill.

Ceramics

By Ida Gigliotti

The Ceramic or Pilot Plant had a Christmas Party and each member exchanged gifts. Everyone had the Christmas spirit, and contributed in every way to make it a big success. A buffet lunch was served, music was en-

joyed, and we had guests from other departments.

Ray Broulett is hearing wedding bells. It won't be long now.

Ray Kakar is quite a celebrity in the baseball field. Nice feeling, Ray.

Art and Louise could have used a rowboat to China last week-end instead of a "slow boat."

Cheer up, Lucien. Santa may bring you a Jack-in-the-box next year.

There was too much food even for Norma and her appetite at our party.

What's Orson Welles got that "Tank" hasn't — Rita Hayworth. He did have, that is.

Mr. Fix It — Bill Lies.

Clyde should have a radio hook-up from the Pilot Plant to the other plants. Bing has nothing on Clyde.

John's favorite song, "I'm in the Mood for Love."

Brown Street

Molded Tubulars -- Night Shift

By Jean Bleh

Wish we could all be brave like Willie Maxwell. She had to walk part way home the other night. A wonderful gal!

Jane Martin is famous for teasing, especially yours truly. It's impossible to get mad. She just won't let you.

Edna Williams and Mary Williams, the two girls with hearts of gold.

Beatrice Asdikian, the girl with the cutest nose.

Bobby Mantello and Lillian Grande, the twins of the color code.

PAA Midget Assem. Dept.

By Vickie LaMore

"That's All There Is To It"

Now that our Christmas presents have been brought back to the stores to be exchanged for something we want more and the glasses have all been packed away from the big year-end holiday, we find ourselves heading into the new year under full sail. Let us not forget the resolutions we may have made before that eventful twelve o'clock and just slump back into our old ways, but let's really try to make this year of 1949 the best year ever for our neighbors, our friends, and for ourselves. It isn't very hard! First of all, wear a smile; secondly, back the smile up with all the cordial spirit of love and generosity that we would like to see in others. Now, just for old acquaintance sake, just read this article over again, start smiling, and we're off to the best time we've ever had!



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jordan, married October 16. The bride is the former Elizabeth Duprat of P.A.A. Rolling.

Plastic Finishing Dept.

By Marion B. Caron

This department enjoyed a very nice Christmas Party December 23 at noontime. Tables were decorated, and a delicious lunch was served. During the course of the party, gifts were presented to our foreman, Lawrence Richards, and to the supervisor, Jerry Gamari. The highlight of the party came when Spot Timothy drew his gift from the grab bag. Imagine how red his face was when he received a tube of toothpaste — and him with no teeth! (Are those teeth still in your bureau drawer, Spot?)

Our co-worker, Carmella Voghel, recently underwent an operation but is well on the road to recovery. Hurry back, Carm.

Phyllis Trombley recently enlisted in the WAVES, and is now in Great Lakes, Illinois where she will undergo basic training. Good luck to you, Phyl.

If you haven't heard our own Doris Chapman perform on the "Hon and Dot" program you really should listen. Tune in Thursday night at 7:45 on WMNB.

Mary Neville enjoyed a perfect holiday when her son Jimmy arrived from Oklahoma to spend a few weeks with her. Jimmy attends Oklahoma A. & M.

We, of Plastic Finishing, wish each and every one a prosperous and happy New Year.

Machine Shop--Brown St.

By Nuts and Bolts

The old nuthouse sure has livened up since the last appearance of this column. It was indeed a sight to see "Limp" DePaoli darting about the shop trying to escape the two females who were trying to find out if he is as backward as he would like you to believe.

Bill Schink made out all right even if he did have to carry a sign inviting the girls to kiss him. Another burned incense to entice the girls, but it didn't do any good. Maybe they were afraid of the walrus mustache. Who was it that was so careful to wash off the lipstick before going home? The best another could do was to collect one small lollipop. What a gang! No small wonder that it is called a nuthouse.

And they all got just what they wanted for Christmas:

George Hall — a cigar.

Louis Vanuni — a surprise he doesn't like to talk about.

Paul Bauman — a fur skin to keep his bald spot warm.

John Burdick — a chance to show Bill Schink how it's done.

George Manchester — got to wishing he were a few years younger.

Dan Mossolani — missed.

Bill Schink — some lessons in technique from John Burdick.

Earl Williams — a lollipop.

"Limp" DePaoli — chased.

Wire Coating

By Corena Tatro

As the New Year begins, we all stop and wonder whether it will bring good fortune or bad. But let's all imagine it will be good. Anyhow we all wish the best of good luck during the new year to our friends.

Belated birthday wishes go to Lucille Miller.

Where did "Pete" Lepage and Paul Sanford get those colds. Too much or too little celebrating?

Earle Washburne says the flood washed away his driveway. All you need now is a little energy to go down the road and bring it all back.

Helen Foote celebrated her sixth Wedding Anniversary last Friday amid the storm and flood. Congratulations, Helen.

Traffic Officer



Vernon Durocher, the new Traffic Officer at Brown Street.

As the Brown Street employees know already, Mr. Arthur Mathews, Safety Engineer, has assigned a new traffic officer to the Plant to help avoid the congestion during the change of shifts. He is Vernon Durocher, and when he was first employed here about nine months ago he was in the Industrial Oil Stacking Department.

It is hoped that everyone at Brown Street will give Vernon their complete cooperation in helping to maintain a high degree of safety when traveling to and from the Plant.

Industrial Oil

By Ann Heath

"Your kindness will always be remembered by us," Henry and Pearl Luczynski.

Attention, Girls Bowling League! The latest way to make a strike is to fall on the alley and the jar will knock down the ones the ball misses. That is Isabel Witherow's technique, anyway.

Best Wishes, Nancy Barschdorf, on your engagement. We are all listening for those wedding bells.

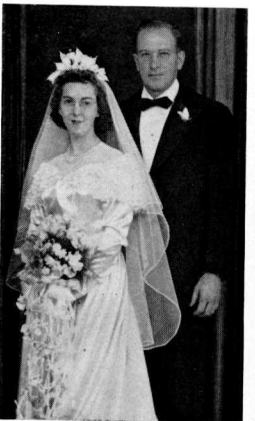
Welcome to all the new girls in our department: Jeannette Planeuf, Barbara Solari, Marie Lemoine. We hope you will like working with us.

Congratulations to Mrs. Emery on the birth of her new granddaughter.

Pearl Luczynski is on leave of absence. We will all miss you, Pearl. Hurry back.

We are glad to see Eleanor DeSanty back with us. Hope you are feeling better.

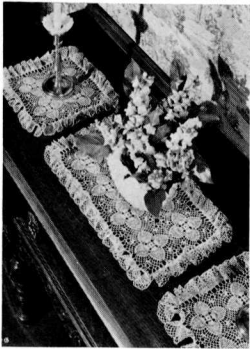
Frank Santelli of 36 Hall Street, Williamstown, was granted an auctioneer's license. Good luck, Frank.



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lavigne married November 13. Mrs. Lavigne is Hazel of the DTQ Department at Marshall Street.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dube, married October 23. The bride is the former Helen Slater, in Plastic Finish.



Instructions for the crocheted mats above may be obtained from the Dispensary at Beaver Street. These are just samples of some of the lovely patterns for which you can obtain directions just for the asking.

CROCHET IS A LEADING AMERICAN HOBBY

There are over 14,000,000 crocheters in the United States, women and girls (and some men) who crochet for a variety of reasons. Relaxation and home decoration are the two main motives. Everyone needs some kind of creative hobby and crochet is filling this need for more and more people. Business girls and teen-agers who want smart accessories at low cost are turning to crochet. Young brides, seeking ways to improve unattractive living quarters, find one answer in crocheting household articles. It's a pleasant, fruitful and inexpensive pastime.

During National Crochet Week, January 22-29, your local stores will feature their crochet departments. The newest books of crochet designs and complete assortments of threads and yarns will be displayed. The National-Wide Crochet Contest for 1949 will be launched during National Crochet Week. This is the biggest needlework contest in the country and all men, (yes, men), women and children who can wield a crochet hook should plan to enter. You have months to prepare your best piece of crochet before entering it in local, county or state fairs. As long as the piece is completed in 1949 and made of mercerized crochet cotton it may be submitted for preliminary judging in the participating fairs.

The Contest is exciting news for all crocheters. If you have not yet learned the difference between a single crochet and a double crochet, if you don't know the joy of making lovely lace from a hook and a ball of cotton, better learn now. You may turn out to be the nation's top crocheter of 1949.

PAA. Assembly

By R. Samia and M. Bua

Belated Birthday wishes to Bea Hill who says she is, but doesn't look, a day over seventeen. We all celebrated Bea's birthday with a box of delightful food, through the courtesy of Margie Lawry.

The skillful hands of Jane Paradise are turning from the art of waxing to the art of knitting. Margie is also taking up knitting and both girls are becoming very successful. Irene Drobiak is already quite an experienced knitter, so girls, we know where to go with our mistakes and dropped stitches.

We have a new personality on our line. I call her, "Rita, the cough drop friend". Excuse me, I meant to say "queen".

Let's not forget to make our New Year Resolutions, folks.

K. V. A.

By L. Harrington and G. Joy

The New Year has started the same as usual, everyone is tired.

Vivian Shaw has set her wedding date for the 26th of February. Best wishes!

"Twinkle-toes" Shaker has made the best New Year's resolution. Due to his red hair, he promises no more pink and blue colors.

Molly Ryan has returned to work after a two weeks' vacation.

Orrie, you can put your toque back in the trunk. Winter isn't here after all.

Francis Eddie Morris was in to see us while home on leave after his basic training.



Molded Tubulars

By Connie Urbano

It was the day before Christmas When all down the line, Everyone was having a gay old time. We all conceded our party a success, When Juliette entered, as Santa dressed.

Gert is back with us after a week's illness. Glad to see you back, Gert. Our thoughts are with you, Chris. We hope your son is coming along fine.

We have a boy scout among us who paid no admission to the New Year's Eve Show. P.S.—He and his companion both fell asleep.

Misc. Paper Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Welcome to our new co-workers Lucienne Danis, Lorraine Dellagheffa, and Donald Moulton. Lucienne is new to Sprague's and this country, having arrived here from Canada about two months ago.

We were all glad to have Jessie Meczywor back with us after a week's illness.

Holiday Highlights:

A Christmas luncheon was enjoyed at noon during Christmas week and what delicious food! Those salads and cakes were out of this world! It was the consensus of opinion that there are some mighty good cooks in this department.

Santa Claus was very generous to our girls, judging from the lovely necklaces and watches displayed. Lucy Libardi and "Dot" Lavigne also received jewelry, but not from Santa. These two girls are wearing beautiful new diamond rings.

We nominate for the most surprised person of 1948 — Fran Roy, our I.C.W. representative, when presented with a Christmas gift from the gang.

Section Test and Samples

By M. Harvey and I. Hyndman

We all had a wonderful time at our Christmas Party. The food was great, but the spirits were even better.

Bill Senecal was so afraid of the women he didn't come to work the day before Christmas.

Margaret Moore thinks they should have showers for old maids. After all, they have them for brides.

Many thanks to Anna and Donald for the chocolates. No wonder we're all going on diets.

We are all sorry that Alice Williamson is ill again, and hope she will be well soon.

Angie, Isabel, Red and Eddie finished their pre-Christmas celebrating at the Richmond Grill. From all reports, they had a very gay time.

Ruth Jackson was out doing her duty during the flood, working at the American Legion.

Isabel Hyndman was so anxious to see what a flood looked like she stayed out all night just to watch it.

For Your Kitchen

Breakfast Ring

Surprise your family with this attractive coffee cake on Sunday morning. Serve it warm for breakfast, although you'll find it's very good served cold also.

- 1 cup softened butter or margarine
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 cup candied cherries, halved
- 1 cup citron, cut in strips
- 2 cups sifted enriched flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 to 4 tablespoons shortening
- 1/2 to 1 cup milk
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup currants

Spread softened butter or margarine in the ring mold and pat granulated sugar over the bottom and sides. Sprinkle water in mold. Arrange cherries and citron in the bottom to resemble holly. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cut or rub in shortening. Add milk to make a soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead one-half minute. Roll out in rectangle, six inches wide and one-fourth inch thick. Brush lightly with melted butter, and sprinkle with brown sugar, cinnamon, and currants. Roll up like a jelly-roll and cut in one and one-half inch slices. Place in mold. Bake in moderately hot oven (400 degrees F.) for 30 minutes. Let stand in pan one minute after removing from oven. Serve hot or cold.

Makes 12 rolls or one nine-inch ring.

Colorful Tarts

"American Modern" is an accurate description of Cranberry Tarts. This dessert is a combination of the traditional American love of flaky pastry and tart cranberries. It adds a modern accent of sliced bananas and diced marshmallows folded into the cranberry filling.

The tart shells are made with standard pie pastry.

Tart Shells

- 1 cup sifted enriched flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup shortening
 - 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 tablespoons cold water
- Sift together flour and salt. Cut or rub in shortening. Add water, mixing to a dry, crumbly dough. Toss on lightly floured pastry cloth. Press dough together. Roll out about one-eighth inch thick. Line four individual four-inch pie pans with pastry. Prick with fork. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees F.) eight to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool and fill with Cranberry Filling.

Makes four tart shells.

Cranberry Filling

- 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 1/2 cup water
 - 2 cups raw cranberries
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 bananas, sliced 1/2 inch thick
 - 8 marshmallows, diced
- Combine sugar and water in saucepan. Boil five minutes. Add cranberries and continue cooking until cranberries burst. Add salt. Cool. Fold in bananas and marshmallows. Fill cooled tart shells.

Makes filling for four shells.

A. C. Dept. and Centrifuge

By Harry and Elaine

Mrs. Margaret Anderson and her husband spent the Christmas holiday at their son's home in Boston.

What's this about Red giving his girl a washing machine for Christmas?

Alex White spent Christmas with his mother in White River Junction. His mother was 85 years old on New Year's Day.



KER-CHOO AND YOU

With about 94 per cent of the American population due to come down with at least one cold during the next twelve months, scientists throughout the country are continuing their fight against the nation's number one disease. At any one time in the winter, an average of 23,000,000 persons suffer from this unpleasant ailment. Experts estimate that colds cost the nation at least \$2 billion annually in medical expenses and lost pay.

What causes the common cold has puzzled humanity for over 2,000 years. During the course of history many theories have been advanced including everything from "pestilential vapors" and the influence of comets to bed bugs and face powder.

About twenty years ago, it became generally agreed among the medical profession that colds were caused by viruses, invisible bits of matter which reach their victims through the air as well as by direct contact.

Then, late in 1947, the U. S. Public Health Service announced that researchers at the National Institute of Health had succeeded in isolating a

virus which is the cause of one type of common cold.

But the researchers themselves stated that their work pointed only "to the possibility, not the probability of producing a vaccine." Nevertheless, this first successful isolation of a cold-causing virus is a real ray of hope for the eventual solution of the problem.

Although no cure for colds has been found, there are ways to avoid them. Medical authorities offer these suggestions as the best insurance against colds:

Keep healthy by eating proper foods and getting enough fresh air and exercise and plenty of rest.

Avoid chilling by dressing properly—wear warm clothes in cold weather and wear overshoes, rubbers and protective covering when it rains or snows.

Whenever possible, stay strictly away from anyone who has a cold and keep out of drafts.

If you fall victim to the common cold, go to bed and rest, eat light meals, and drink plenty of water. Call a doctor if you have a fever, aches or a racking cough for more than 24 hours.

Jack Sullivan spent the Holidays in Readsboro.

We wonder what Oliver O'Dell would do if he didn't have any cake or candy for lunch.

Best wishes to Phyllis Dolle on her engagement. When is the big day, Phyl?

Misc. Paper Finish

By Velma Lincoln

The Sunshine Club of our department had a very happy Christmas party at the Clarksburg Sportsman's Club, and each member invited his wife or her husband or friend. The tables were decorated Christmas style, and the food was delicious, all served in candlelight. Gertrude Hall is in charge of the Club, and first called on Mildred Miller, presenting her with a corsage and a gift from her co-workers on her approaching marriage. She then called on Dolores Bailey who gave a Christmas prayer. Adele Solari sang Silent Night and White Christmas, accompanied by Velma Lincoln on the piano. Dolores Bailey presented Gertrude Hall with a gift from the department for all the helpful things she has done throughout the year. Mr. Trabold took pictures of the entire party. There was also an exchange of Christmas gifts around the Tree, and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

The department also had a lunch party on the Wednesday before Christmas at which time Charles Desrosier, Frances Solari, Frank Major and Henry Meczywor were given Christmas gifts.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Caroline Grant on the recent passing of her husband.

Dry Tubular Assembly

By Sophie Kelly

We extend our deepest sympathy to Margaret Davis on the recent death of her brother, Al Horrigan.

Our sympathy also goes to Antoinette Connell on the death of her mother-in-law.

Cora Ryan went down to do some shopping during noon hour recently and you can imagine her indignation when she discovered she had left her wallet at the plant.

Florence Lecuyer needs some means of identification so she won't take the wrong camel's hair coat out of the cloakroom again.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Department a Happy New Year.

Ovens Department

By Dukie Abraham

A Christmas party was held by the employees of this department and a good time was had by all who attended.

The girls bowling team is really showing an improvement. Keep up the good work, girls.

What is the matter with Fred King these days? Or is it that he just ran out of songs.

SPORTS Kenny Russell

Winter Sports

Skiing and skating are at a standstill as New England faces an unusual winter that up to now has produced very little snow, a lot of rain and not too cold.

Ski resorts are having, up to this date, the worse season in their history.

A ski report was heard on the radio the other evening and it went something like this — "a lot of brown grass — many short stumps, few boulders — ski tow in working order — but no skiers."

Ice fishing and skating has also suffered by the inclement weather and who knows Spring may be a long way off and Mother Nature may reverse the calendar proceedings.

Basketball -- In the High School circles — Pittsfield and Drury top the Northern Berkshire with two victories and no defeats. Pittsfield has dumped both Adams and Williams town while Drury has disposed of Dalton and Bennington. Adams has won one and lost one, winning over local St. Joseph. Capt. McDonough is a standout for the Parochial Five.

Swimming -- The Williams College Swimming team under the able tutelage of Coach Bob Muir has won two straight meets this season to run its total to 28 straight. The Williams "Ducks" torpedoed Boston Univ. and then sank Rutgers by another overwhelming score. During this meet Capt. Wineman broke the back-stroke record of 1.37.8 by doing the distance in 1.37 flat.

Coach Muir is the type of fellow who radiates personality and the boys really work hard because of his sportsmanship.

Coach Muir has often times said and we quote: "I would rather teach a fellow to swim and thereby be able to take care of himself while in water, than to help a boy cut his time down a matter of seconds."

His boys look like another well-balanced crew and will be mighty hard to beat for the New England Crown that they will defend at Amherst this year.

We urge all those who love swimming meets to attend and we are sure you will not be disappointed. Usually the meets are free and the public is cordially invited.



Bowling -- During the past two weeks, two local men and another from Springfield have hit the sensational score of over 400 for three strings in candle pin competition.

The veteran Pete Denno was the first to turn the trick when he flattened 424 maples at the Olympian Alleys.

The following week that grand old man who has bowled for many many years, Joe Sharkey, proprietor of the Casino Alleys, knocked over 421 pins.

During the same week a veteran performer from Springfield, whose name is Joe Anthony, shattered all previous existing records in Western Mass. when he compiled the terrific score of 437.

Here is the Box Score as found in the Sunday Springfield Republican —

By Boxes:

First string:—27, 46, 55, 73, 83, 103, 119, 128, 143, 160 — 160.

Second string:—10, 20, 36, 46, 64, 79, 88, 96, 113, 123 — 123.

Third string:—10, 29, 39, 67, 87, 105, 115, 134, 144, 154 — 154.

GRAND TOTAL — 437.

Dusty Basketball League
(Standing as of Dec. 29, 1949)

	W	L	Pct.
Hunter Machine.....	1	0	1.000
Marshalls.....	1	0	1.000
Y.M.C.A.....	1	0	1.000
Beavers.....	0	1	.000
Prokars.....	0	1	.000
Sample.....	0	1	.000

Results, Saturday, Dec. 18th:

Y.M.C.A. defeated Beaver —forfeit

Marshall defeated Prokars —36-23

Hunter defeated Sample —37-9

Leading Scorers:

	B	F	P
Brooks, Hunter.....	6	1	13
Demers, Hunter.....	6	1	13
Saunders, Marshalls.....	5	1	11
Racette, Marshalls.....	4	0	8
Zabek, Prokars.....	4	0	8
Kately, Marshalls.....	3	1	7

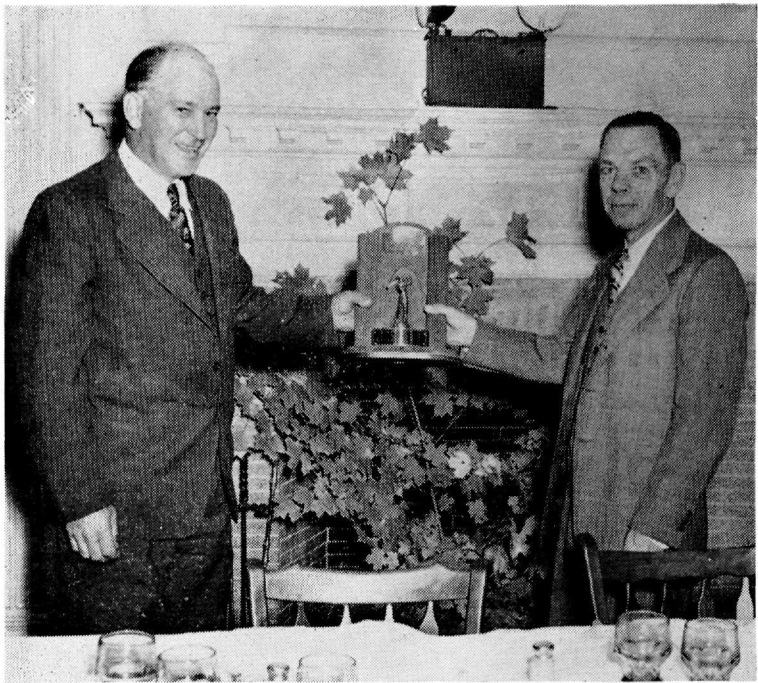
Schedule, Saturday, Jan. 15, 1949

1:00 P.M.—Hunter vs. Prokar

2:15 P.M.—Beaver vs. Marshall

3:30 P.M.—Y.M.C.A. vs. Sample

No games January 8th due to Sprague inventory.



Mr. John MacInnes of the Triad Welding Co. of Pittsfield receiving the Golf Trophy donated by the Sprague Electric Company. Mr. C. C. Decker of the Berkshire County Traffic Club which conducted the Tournament is presenting the award.

SPRAGUE GIRLS' Bowling Standing

(As of January 4th)

Team Standings:	Won	Lost
Industrial Oils.....	33	9
Beaverettes.....	32	10
W. E. Rollers.....	27	15
Independents.....	22	20
Gutter Girls'.....	22	20
Paper Ignition.....	19	23
D.T.Q.....	7	35
Dry Rolling.....	5	37

High Ind. Single—L. Lesure	124
High Ind. Triple—L. Lesure	308
High Team Single—Ind. Oils	497
High Team Triple—Ind. Oils	1365
Strikes—Hazel Martell	9

High Ind. Average on Each Team

Name and Team	Ave.	Strings
I. Witherow, Ind. Oils..	91.8	36
H. Martell, Paper Ign..	90.9	42
C. Baliakas, Beaverettes	88.4	42
E. Stack, Gutter Girls'.	86.3	33
M. Wohler, Ind.....	85.4	42
I. Anton, W. E. Rollers	83.8	39
C. Risch, D.T.Q.....	81.4	42
M. Dextradeur, D. Roll.	79.	35

The Square Ring

Number 7 might be a lucky number to some people but to Doc Williams it's a jinx. The first time Doc fought Archie Moore, he received a bad cut over the eye in the seventh round, and Moore was awarded the fight. The second time Doc met his defeat by a K.O. in the 7th round by Moore.

Bert Lytell who at the present is rated first after Marcel Cerdan in the Middleweight class meets Vern Lester of Los Angeles, Cal. Vern is not rated in the Ring magazine, but has fought Jack LaMotte and lost to him in a dispute decision. I think that Lytell will take Lester.

Tami Muriello is making a comeback by beating Roy Taylor in a knockout fashion in the second round and Leo Stoll in the fourth.

Walter Hafer kayoed Jo Weiden in the ninth round which was an upset to the fight fans, and Ezzard Charles later knocked-out Hafner in theseventh.

Freddie Mills who is the Light-heavyweight Champion has added the South African Heavyweight championship by kayoing Johnny Ralph, the Champ, in eight rounds.

Archie Moore and Henry Hall each has a win over the other in a distance 10-round fight.

Cyrille Delannoit won the European Middleweight Title left open by Marcel Cerdan by out-classing Luc van Dam in a 15-round title match.

Lee Sila, a classy middleweight is going to town. He won a decision from Reuben Jones, Tony Di Micco and Nick Kashuba. Watch this lad come up in his rating.

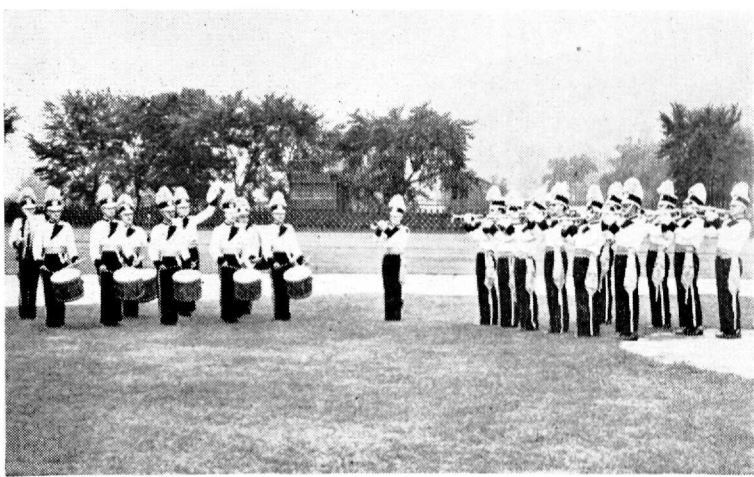
Charley Fusori rated fifth as a welterweight gave quite a beating to Tippy Larkin.

Tommy Bell rated third as a welterweight won over Cecil Hudson in a 10-round decision and kayoed Middleweight Danny Martin in the 10th.

Bernard Docusen rated first under Sugar Ray Robinson kayoed Al Robinson in the second and Bert Linam in the 4th. He also gave a whipping to Johnny Bratton in 10 rounds. I think that Sugar Ray wants to get a crack at the Middleweight title. He should also give Bernard a chance at his title.

There are eight fighting titles, and the colored boys have 4 of them: Joe Louis, heavyweight; Ray Robinson, Welterweight; Ike Williams, light-weight; and Sandy Saddler, feather-weight. Pretty good going.

Peter Mancuso



Berkshire Rangers of North Adams. Darcy Davis, Jr., is the Director, and is the son of Alice of P.A.A. Some other members are: Raymond Scerbo; Joseph Crescembeni, brother of Anita of Paper Rolling; Salem Nassif, son of Angie of Prokar; Franklin Williams of Brown Street and husband of Mary of Molded Soldering; Daniel Gardzina of Warehouse.

Shining Blades

Local skaters are awaiting the announcement of the date for the annual Grammar School Speed-skating Championships which were sponsored by the North Adams Recreation Commission last season.

Most of the youngsters have advanced a grade and it will be interesting to see if they have the class to again gain championship laurels in the local meet. Last year's champions include: John Preite, ten, winner of the 3-4 grade boys' event; Bernice Dube, eight, girls' 3-4 grade winner; Robert Dunn, now eleven, winner of the 5-6 grade boys; Caroline Woodward, eleven, who took top honors for girls in the 5-6 grade; Antoinette Trisorio and Richard Bush who were tops in the girls and boys respectively 7-8 grade contests.

"Lou" Felix, watchman at the Brown Street Plant of Sprague Electric Company will again compete in the annual Silver Skates Derby at the Boston Garden on January 30th. Lou has held the honor of being the oldest competitor in the Derby for a number of years.

Two of Lou's grandsons will make the trip to the Derby with their grandfather. They are Richard Simard and Robert Dunn III, both aged eleven and will compete in the annual event at the Garden where Dunn took 3rd place honors last winter in the Midget Division. Both these young skaters have a busy schedule ahead of them, as they hope to compete in the following meets: Saratoga, N. Y., Newburg, N. Y., Pittsfield, Mass., Lake Placid, N. Y., and the Derby at Boston.

Let's hope they make the grade and bring home a championship or two. Best of luck, Bob and Dicky, and all the rest of the local competitors.

Charles Felix

Paper Rolling Dept. By Hubba, Hubba

The Paper Rolling gang held their Christmas Party at the Corner Cafe where they enjoyed a very good spaghetti dinner. A picture of the group appears elsewhere in the LOG.

Best wishes are in order for Ceil Strzepek who is engaged to Orlando Magnifico. They will be married April 23.

Kay Cardillo is also engaged to be married to "Pat" Accetta on April 30.

Best wishes to Kathleen Toohy who has obtained a leave of absence. Come back soon, Kate, we all miss you.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Vigna who are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mrs. Vigna, the former Lorraine Trombley, works in Paper Rolling. Dad works in Mica Dept.

Birthday greetings to Eda Pinson-neault.

Welcome back to Dot Brothers. We're all glad to see you.

Lena Solomon spent a week-end in Worcester, Mass. Just exactly who is down there, Lena?

F. P. Drys By Florence Harris

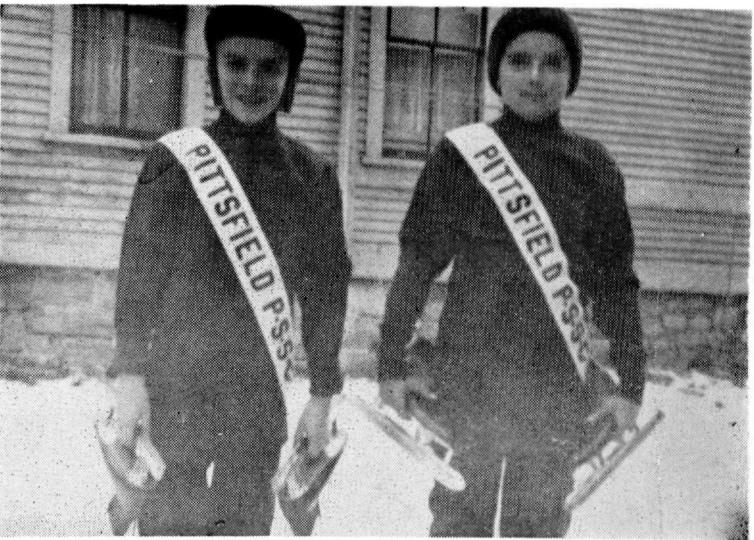
A cordial welcome to the many new workers in the department.

Best wishes to Rita Cote and Joseph Nuvalle on their engagement.

Best of luck to Lou Siciliano in his new venture.

Everyone looks tired but happy after the work and social activities of the holiday season. The Test Group had a noontime party with an abundance of food. Gifts were exchanged and we did find out who Santa Claus was. Here's one person who thinks Anne Davine's laugh is contagious. The Pouring Group had a grab bag which is always a source of fun.

Genevieve Morin received a cedar chest for Christmas. Enough said!



Bobby Dunn, III, left, and Dicky Simard, right, grandsons of "Lou" Felix. Both are 11 years old and will be competing in the Silver Skates Derby on January 30.